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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Michigan Worker Deaths of 2017

The 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan worker deaths of 2017 occurred on April 7, 8, and 11, 2017. The information below shares **preliminary details** about the most recent fatalities reported to the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOsha) which is believed to be covered by the MIOsh Act. The description reflects information provided to MIOsha at the initial report of the incident and is not the result of the official MIOsha investigation.

*Preliminary summary of incident #5: On April 7, 2017, at approximately 10:00 a.m., a 46-year-old welder was welding on a 3,000 lb. part mounted on a fixture when the part fell onto the welder crushing him between the part and floor. It is undetermined at this time how the part came off the fixture.*

*Preliminary summary of incident #6: On April 8, 2017, at approximately 8:40 a.m., a 54-year-old laborer was removing wood siding while standing within a garage that was being demolished. When the laborer removed the last section of siding, the structure became unstable and toppled onto him.*

*Preliminary summary of incident #7: On April 11, 2017, at approximately 3:39 p.m., a 39-year-old carpenter fell from the roof of a new home to a concrete surface at ground level. The carpenter died later at a local hospital.*

There were 43 MIOsha-related deaths in 2016. 2009 saw the lowest number with 24. Every life is precious. Our mutual goal must be that every employee goes home at the end of their shift every day!

If you need help or assistance in ensuring your workplace is safe, MIOsha is here with resources to help. The Consultation Education and Training (CET) Division provides workplace safety and health training and consultations to employers and employees throughout Michigan free of charge. Contact CET today at 800-866-4674 or submit a request [online](#).

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## **National Safety Week**

[National Safety Week](#) in Construction is the first week in May. All across the state many construction companies are holding safety events, such as the one listed below:

[Skanska Closner, UP Health System And MIOSHA Discuss National Safety Week And New Marquette Hospital](#)

[Darren Muljo](#), Skanska Closner Environmental Health and Safety Manager, spoke to about 275 construction workers at the site of UP Health System Marquette's new facility, kicking off Safety Week 2017. (Journal photo by Kelsie Thompson)

## **2017 Michigan Safety Conference**

The 2017 Michigan Safety Conference was held on April 11 and 12 for the first time in Novi. MIOSHA had a booth in the exhibit hall and interacted with many customers and shared the MIOSHA Resource and the Fall Prevention packets. Additionally, the Consultation Education and Training Division sponsored the following classes:

- Inside MIOSHA
- Top 10: Construction, General Industry and Health Violations FY2016
- Keep Your Head Out of the Clouds - Silica
- Mean, Say, Do – Safety and Health Management System: Safety and Health Training
- Michigan Packaging's Journey – Safety and Health Sustainability
- Recordkeeping Update
- Could This Change Affect You? – Part 62. Plastic Molding

All class programs can be found on the [MIOSHA website](#). At the Inside MIOSHA class, 2016 MIOSHA Training Institute (MTI) [graduates](#) were recognized.

See you at next year's [Michigan Safety Conference](#) – April 17 and 18, 2018 in Lansing!

## **National Safety Stand-Down Week**

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual National Safety Stand-Down is May 8 – 12, 2017. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) official website is located at [National Safety Stand Down - Prevent Falls in Construction | Occupational Safety and Health Administration](#) and provides information, educational resources, and posters. The goal of the stand-down is to raise fall hazard awareness to prevent fall fatalities and injuries, and provides an opportunity for employers to have conversation with workers about hazards, protective methods, and the company's safety policies and goals. The National Safety Stand Down webpage also includes resources to help employers and workers find events in their area that are free and open to the public.

Here in Michigan, Governor Rick Snyder signed a proclamation announcing that May is [Workplace Falls Awareness Month](#). MIOSHA Director Bart Pickelman will be attending a Stand Down event at the Little Caesar's NHL stadium in Detroit on May 10<sup>th</sup>, which will also encompass a training session given by Capitol Group Safety.

## **Upcoming Coffee With MIOSHA Events**

[Coffee with MIOSHA events](#) provide employers and employees with a unique opportunity to meet informally with MIOSHA representatives (Consultative, Enforcement, and Radiation) to ask questions, obtain information on program services and resources, learn about MIOSHA Training Institute (MTI) opportunities, and establish rapport.

The next Coffee With MIOSHA will be held [May 11, 2017](#) at the Construction Association of Michigan (CAM) in Bloomfield Hills, MI and will have a construction focus. [Register](#) today!

## AGENCY INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED

**April 18, 2017** – [Workplace Violence Inspection Procedures](#)

**April 21, 2017** – [Boot Camp Guidelines for MIOSHA Training Institute \(MTI\)](#)

All of our agency instructions can be viewed on our [website](#).

## MEDIA

**April 4, 2017** – [MIOSHA Talks Worker Safety with Employers and Workers Over Coffee](#)

**April 4, 2017** – [New Skilled Trades Streamlines Licensing, Protects Consumers](#)

**May 1, 2017** – [Gov. Snyder Proclaims May Workplace Falls Awareness Month](#)

**May 1, 2017** - [MIOSHA Issues Cease Operations Order Against Bay City Landscaping Company](#)

All of the MIOSHA press releases can be viewed on our [website](#).

## VARIANCES

Variances from MIOSHA standards must be made available to the public in accordance with Part 12, Variances (R408.22201 to 408.22251). MIOSHA variances are published on the MIOSHA News website: [www.michigan.gov/mioshavariances](http://www.michigan.gov/mioshavariances).

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